

Your County, Your Government

Gone Fishing



Fact Sheet #13
July 1, 2009



The New Navarre Beach Fishing Pier

Construction of the new Navarre Beach fishing pier is well on its way. As of June 30, 33 pilings, eight pile caps, six spans or 24 beams and some deck panels have been installed.

More photos of the progress are available at www.santarosa.fl.gov under What's Hot.

Budget

The new pier is budgeted at \$8.43 million, which includes the demolition and removal of the old fishing pier. Ninety percent of the project budget will be paid for utilizing FEMA federal aid for disaster recovery funds for improved projects with a state share of 7.5 percent and the county funding 2.5 percent or \$210,626.



Pardon our Progress

There will be impacts to beach-goers during construction with construction traffic and parking areas roped off for construction equipment. Residents and tourists may use the facilities at the county's Navarre Beach Park located adjacent to the pier area. The free park reopened in October and offers over 300 parking spaces, 11 pavilions, public restrooms, grills and boardwalks to the beach.



Protection of Wildlife

Signs will be posted with safe fishing guidelines for the protection of sea turtles, birds and dolphins. In the event that a sea turtle, bird or dolphin is hooked or entangled in line, phone numbers to call will be posted on the signs. The pier is located in federally designated critical habitat for the Gulf Sturgeon. Signage will be located on the pier educating fishermen about the Gulf Sturgeon. Discarding fish wastes, bait and monofilament line will be prohibited. Monofilament recycling stations will be located on the pier.



Navarre Beach Fishing Pier Facts

- Concrete piles are 146-two foot square concrete piles totaling over 9,500 feet in length combined.
- Deck is over 370 with breakaway wood panels, which would detach during heavy wave action and help preserve integrity of the structure, reducing possible storm repair costs.
- Deck height is 30 feet above the water.
- Surface is over 32,000 square feet of accessible surface.
- Railing has more than 3,000 feet of handrail with no obstructions.
- Design includes an attendant building with stair and ramp access to pier.
- Signs will be posted to educate users of the delicate marine life living around the pier.
- Two potable water spigots.



Rendering of the New Pier

- The concrete pilings of the previous pier will be deposited in an artificial reef offshore of Escambia County.
- New wooden stairs and an ADA ramp will be constructed for access.
- Lights will be integrated into one-foot thick concrete
- Bollards, or structures that encase turtle light housing, are spaced every 35 feet.
- The top of the concrete bollard will be flush with the top of the railing.
- The end design of the pier is octagonal with a surface area of approximately 3,800 square feet.
- Utilizes 90 low wattage lights and concrete bollards to protect sea turtle nesting.
- Up to 15 handicap accessible railing locations.

Construction of the Navarre Beach Pier began with the demolition of the old pier, from the dune landward, on April 20. The first piling was put in the ground on May 7. The pier is expected to be complete by late spring 2010. The pier is being built in record time so that you and your family can enjoy the benefits and exciting features just in time for the summer months. For more information and up to date construction pictures please visit the county Website at santarosa.fl.gov.

A Little History Lesson ...about the previous pier

- Completed in 1974
- Approximately 1,450 feet long
- The pier was privately owned until April 2000, when the developer from SummerWinds gave ownership to Santa Rosa County.

Photo: E.W. & S

